

## Compliance Corner

### NATIONAL

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### STATE

Everyone is considered legally impaired with blood alcohol content (BAC) of .08 percent, but everyone responds differently. Research shows the risk of causing a fatal motor vehicle accident is significantly increased when the BAC is .05 percent.

Buzzed Driving is Drunk Driving.

### LOCAL

Be cautious when making holiday travel plans. Leave additional time for weather, local road construction and heavier than usual traffic. For a list of current roadway projects for our area, go to:

<http://tims.ncdot.gov/tims/RegionSummary.aspx?co=10>.



### EVERYDAY SAFETY

Refresh your knowledge on driving laws in NC and share it with younger drivers. Visit:

[www.ncdot.org/dmv/driver\\_services/drivershandbook](http://www.ncdot.org/dmv/driver_services/drivershandbook).



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## For Safety's Sake... Happy Holiday!

This edition, let's take the opportunity to give thanks for all we have and plan ahead for holiday safety. Commit a minute to safety today and help you, your co-workers, family and friends avoid common holiday dangers.

- Use non-flammable decorations that are placed away from heat vents.
- At work, Christmas trees and wreaths must be fire retardant.
- Do Not Use Candles at Work... no open flames are permitted in County Buildings.
- Check electrical outlets and make sure they are not overloaded. When decorating, inspect cords for damage and fraying. Always keep extension cords away from where small customers (children) can get to them. Never run an extension cord under a rug or tack it up to a wall with a nail or staple.
- The kitchen is a busy place through the holiday season at home and at work. Never leave anything cooking on a cook top unattended, not even for a minute. If you have a stove in your break room, turn pot handles inward so that they don't get caught on anything. Keep your cooking area free of clutter to avoid unnecessary accidents.
- Allow for additional time for traveling and drive friendly.

With just a few, simple steps you can help protect yourself during this winter season. Put safety on your list for a Happy Holiday from your Brunswick County Safety Team.

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### SEASONAL FLU



The flu is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses that infect the nose, throat, and lungs. It can cause mild to severe illness, and at times can lead to death. The best way to prevent the flu is by getting a flu vaccine each year.

The Flu vaccine is available to everyone currently on the County's health insurance plan. Multiple types of flu vaccine such as shot, mist, and high dose for 65 and older, are all available with no out of pocket cost through Health Services. Bring your insurance card and picture ID to Building A, from 9:00-Noon and 1:00-4:00 PM. The Flu Clinic is located on the right side of the building, follow the Flu Clinic signs. No appointment needed, first come first serve!

***Before you do it, take time to think thru it!!***

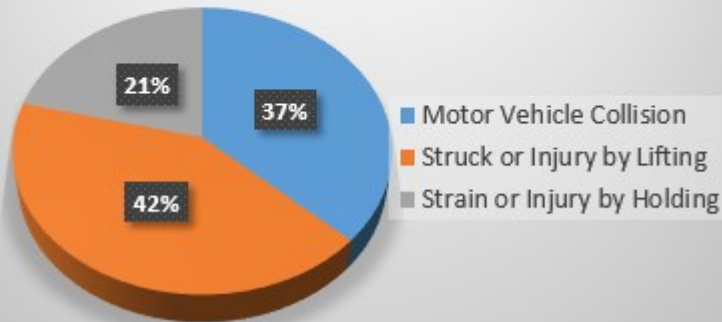


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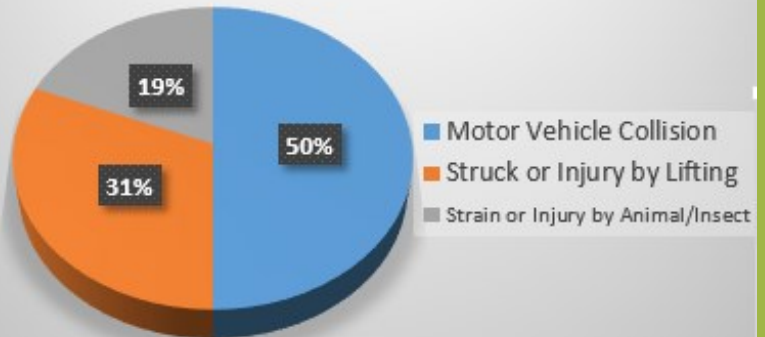
# SAFE TRACK

Looking back over this past calendar year, employees have experienced fewer severe injuries than the previous year. Although, we still have a few weeks left and anything can happen, so don't get too comfortable! As it stands now, the numbers reflect a high level of skill and occupational experience. The charts below compare year by year and reveals that employees experienced more injuries by lifting this year than last year. Going ahead to next year additional ergonomic training may be a tool used to protect employees. The data also reveals employees had less injury by motor vehicle crashes in 2015. By additional driver training, changing driving habits and becoming more focused, vehicle accidents decreased. By collecting accident data, it helps to create a culture that seeks to identify and control hazards, which will reduce risks and the potential for harm. Take a look at the top leading causes of employee injury at work and make a commitment to work smarter in 2016.

## Leading Cause of Employee Injury 2015 (10 months)



## Leading Cause of Employee Injury 2014 (10 months)



### New Urgent Care Approved for Worker Injury

FastMed Urgent Care  
202 Village Road NE  
(across from Piggly Wiggly)  
Leland, NC 28451  
910-782-3600  
M-F 8:00 am-8:00 pm  
Sat-Sun 8:00 am-4:00 pm



**Roadway Projects**  
NC-211 from NC-87 to Ferry Terminal  
Milling and resurfacing.  
NC-211 near SR-1340  
Bridge replacement.  
NC-133 (River Rd./Village Rd.)  
Divergent Diamond Interchange.

US-17/74/76, SR-1551  
Design-Build Project to widen road.  
NC-179, SR-1154, SR-1163 & SR-1184  
Old Georgetown Road extension.

## CONFINED SPACES

Federal OSHA published a new standard for working in confined spaces in construction on May 4, 2015. The standard, which is located in Subpart AA of 29 CFR Part 1926 (construction), closely resembles the standard for permit-required confined spaces in general industry. However, there are 3 notable differences, all of which are currently part of the County's standard of care in confined spaces.

1. The new construction confined space standard requires *continuous monitoring* instead of periodic monitoring for atmospheric and engulfment hazards while entrants are working in the confined space.
2. The new standard requires contractors and employers on multi-employer worksites to *exchange specific information about confined spaces and the types of hazards*.
3. Emergency responders must notify the employer if the rescue service is unavailable to provide rescue service at the time of work in a permit space. *Permits may be suspended instead of canceled when temporary changes occur*, for example, in the event of a loss of power or if the fire department becomes temporarily unavailable for rescue.

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### BRUNSWICK COUNTY SAFETY TRAINING CALENDAR

Month	Level I	Level II	Contact Person	Contact #
	<u>All Departments</u>	<u>Occupation Specific</u>		
<b>November</b>	Electrical Safety	LOTO	Eileen Gardner	253.2078
<b>December</b>	Safety Review	Plant Safety Review	All Members	
<b>January</b>	Accident Prevention/Reporting	Accident Prevention/Reporting	Eileen Gardner	253.2078
<b>February</b>	Global Harmonization Standard	Chemical Safety/SPCC		
<b>March</b>	Office Safety	Material Handling Working Walking Surfaces	Debbie Isenhour	253.2644
<b>April</b>	Driver Training	Driver Training	Eileen Gardner	253.2078

Email [eileen.gardner@brunswickcountync.gov](mailto:eileen.gardner@brunswickcountync.gov) to  
schedule your department's training!

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### Your Last Line of Defense

Personal protective equipment (PPE) defends you from head to toe.

- Safety Glasses
- Latex Gloves
- Cleanroom Apparel
- Lab Safety Kits
- Face Shields
- Pathogen Response Kits
- Lab Coats

A Safety Tip brought to you by your  
Safety Review Team.